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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

Michinobu NAKAMURA, et al. : EXAMINER: AFREMOVA

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FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PROTEIN HYDROLYZATE

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated August 30, 2004, Applicants request that the Examiner provide acknowledgment that the references listed on the International Search Report filed on October 30, 2000, have been considered. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing these references. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the International Search Report as filed on October 30, 2000, along a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the timely filing thereof, and copies of the English Abstracts for the references for which consideration is requested.

An early and favorable indication that the Information Disclosure Statement has been considered is kindly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Form PTO 1449

Cited References (2)

Copy of Date-stamped Filing Receipt dated October 30, 2000

Copy of International Search Report filed October 30, 2000

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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